

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FOR THE LAUNCHING

The public schools of Richmond will close next Tuesday and pupils and teachers who so desire may attend the launching of the Virginia at Newport News.

This decision, which will delight hundreds of children and many grown folks, was reached by members of the School Board at a conference held yesterday afternoon. The schools will therefore close to-morrow night, not to resume work until next Wednesday. Nearly all of the principals and teachers and a great number of scholars will attend the launching.

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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia—Fair and warmer, except showers in extreme southwest portion; showers Wednesday night and Thursday; fresh southeast winds.

North Carolina—Fair Wednesday, except showers in west portion; warmer; Thursday showers, warmer on coast; fresh east to southeast winds, increasing.

The weather in Richmond yesterday was clear and cool, but not unpleasantly so. The thermometer stood at 9 at mid-night.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

March 29, 1904.

Sun rises.....6:00
Sun sets.....6:22
Moon sets.....5:22

HIGH TIDE.
Morning.....3:29
Evening.....4:00

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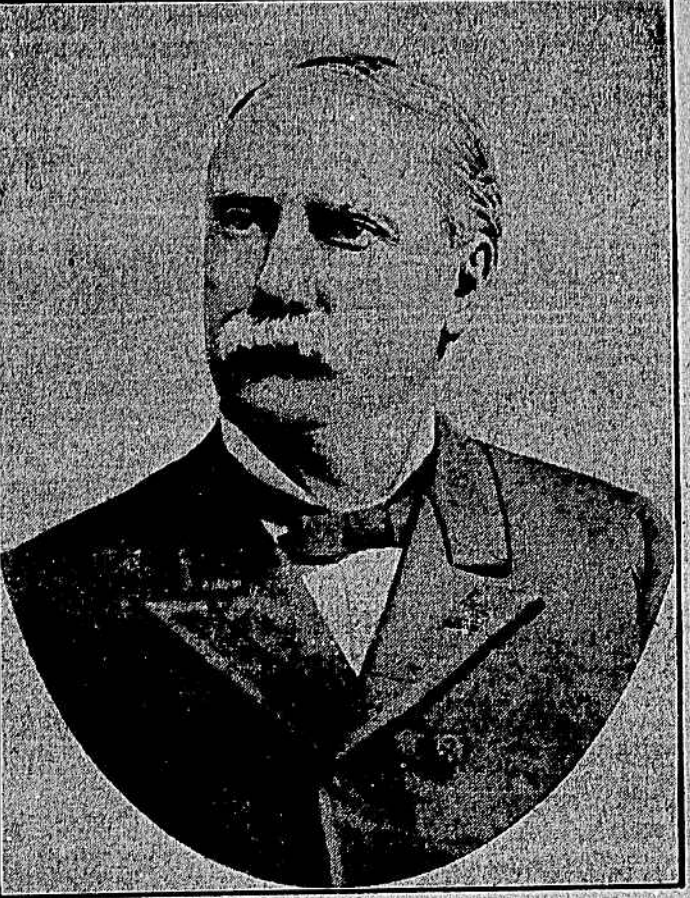
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A NOBLE VIRGINIAN CROSSES THE RIVER



GENERAL WILLIAM H. PAYNE.
General William H. Payne Joins Confederate Comrades on the Other Side.

END IN PERFECT PEACE

After Weeks of Intense Suffering, Quiet Came Before the Death Hour.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—General William H. Payne, perhaps the most celebrated general officer of the Confederate army living in Virginia with the exception of General Fitzhugh Lee, died at his apartments in the Gloucester in this city at 11:30 o'clock this morning.

Death had been momentarily expected for twenty-four hours, and there had been no hope of recovery since Friday. Mrs. Payne and their five sons and daughter were with General Payne when he breathed his last.

Colonel Thomas Smith, of Alexandria, who has been in constant attendance at the bedside of the old soldier for nearly a week, was also present, and General Fitzhugh Lee arrived at the side of his old officer a few minutes before the end came. Senator Daniel had just left the house.

End Perfectly Peaceful.

The end was perfectly peaceful. General Payne had been unconscious for several days. Once or twice there seemed to be flashes of consciousness of what was going on around him, and on one occasion when he stood over his bedside. But he was kept under the influence of opiates all the time, and his mind wandered constantly. Frequently he appeared to be fighting some of his many battles again and once General Lee heard him say something about it. Lee in tones that indicated that the old warrior imagined that he was in the midst of the clash of arms.

But for twelve hours prior to death, General Payne had appeared to rest more quietly. His breathing, very heavy and labored, became more difficult, and the intervals between breaths became longer and longer until finally there was one long exhalation and all was over.

Never Expected to Recover.

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YOUTH KILLED BY HIS FATHER-IN-LAW

Latter Ordered Young Man Out of Buggy and Shot Him. Spurned His Body.

(By Associated Press.)

PEARSON, GA., March 29.—Walter McNeal was shot and killed this morning near here by Henry Cook, his father-in-law.

The killing was the finale of a quarrel that had been nursed by the two men for some time. Cook met McNeal and ordered him out of his buggy. McNeal complied, whereupon Cook drew his revolver and fired three times, all of the shots taking effect. Then Cook spurned McNeal's body with his foot. Cook left the scene, going in the direction of Douglas, presumably to surrender to the authorities.

Parker Gets Almost All.

(By Associated Press.)

BUFFALO, March 29.—Of the twenty-four delegates to the Democratic State Convention chosen at the Erie county primaries to-day, twenty-one are instructed to vote for Judge Alton B. Parker for the presidential nomination.

EDUCATORS HAVE FINAL RALLY HERE

A Mass-Meeting Held at Capitol Last Night.

PROMINENT MEN MADE ADDRESSES

Various Phases of the Educational Problem Presented by Men Familiar With Them.

SCHOOL LEGISLATION OUTLINED BY DR. KENT

Captain Vawter, Mr. John Stewart Bryan, Dr. S. C. Mitchell and Dr. C. D. McIver the Other Speakers at Enthusiastic Mass-Meeting in Behalf of Education.

The two days' sessions of the Co-operative Educational Commission of Virginia closed with a well attended, enthusiastic and thoroughly interesting mass-meeting in the hall of the House of Delegates last night. Probably two hundred and fifty persons crowded the hall and listened with attention, now and then attaining to enthusiasm, to a series of addresses on educational problems and their solution by gentlemen viewing the State school system from differing standpoints, but all of whom are in thorough accord with the cardinal purposes of the movement, of which this meeting was a part.

BURTON N. HARRISON

Secretary to President Jefferson Davis Died in Washington Last Night.

SHARED DAVIS'S FORTUNES

Was Captured With Him and Sent to Prison—Became Distinguished.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—Burton Norville Harrison, a lawyer of New York, and husband of Mrs. Burton Harrison, the authoress, and father of Congressman Harrison, of New York, died here to-night, aged sixty-five years.

Death resulted from a general breakdown due partly to old age.

Mr. Harrison was born in New Orleans, and graduated from Yale in 1889. During the war, Mr. Harrison was private secretary to Jefferson Davis, the President of the Southern Confederacy, remaining with him in the relation almost to the end of the war. He shared in the capture of Mr. Davis, rather than for his fortunes at their fall. When Mr. Davis was carried to Fort Monroe for imprisonment, Mr. Harrison was sent to prison in Washington, and, finally was sent to Fort Delaware, where he remained in solitary confinement until 1866, when he was released. Mr. Harrison, during the latter months of his imprisonment, studied law and later went into the office of former Judge Fullerton, in New York, where he has since continued in the practice. Mr. Harrison was a prominent club man in New York. He was secretary to Mayor Wickham, of New York, and was largely instrumental in the prosecution of the Tweed ring. He married Miss Constantine Carey, of Virginia. In addition to Congressman Harrison, of New York City, Archibald Carey Harrison and Fairfax Harrison, of Washington, survive him.

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RACE TROUBLES QUIETED DOWN

Negroes Flee Now in Texas When Whites Are in Belligerent Humor.

(By Associated Press.)

HOUSTON, TEX., March 29.—The manager of the lumber mills at Slatcreek tonight stated that the race trouble at that point had quieted down, most of the negroes having fled when warlike demonstrations were made.

They had considerable friction at that point, several white men being robbed and the homes of the negroes fired. The man, Bullock, who was ambushed and shot by negro footpads, died this afternoon of his wounds. The other two wounded men are getting along well. While a search was made for the negroes who had done the shooting there was no attempt to molest the other negroes outside of closing up a blind tiger.

126 WANT HELP TO-DAY

The 126 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8, are as follows:

97 Trades	4 Office Help
11 Agents	2 Domestic
Salesmen	12 Miscellaneous
Solicitors	

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

VAST HOSTILE ARMIES RAPIDLY APPROACHING



POCAHONTAS SAVES THE DAY!

LONG WAIT IN COUNCIL

Body Sits Two Hours While Sergeant-at-Arms Hunts Up Absentees.

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED

Temporary Loan Matter Acted Upon—Mr. Hicks Organizes Quartette and Entertains.

The Common Council last night, after waiting two hours for the necessary two-thirds vote, adopted the resolution directing the Finance Committee to effect a temporary loan of \$600,000 to pay the note for that amount due in the Merchants National Bank on Monday, pending the settlement by Shepard and Company, of New York, for the bonds of the city recently issued and sold to them.

Lasting from 8:20 until 10:20 P. M., the session was full of interesting diversities. Illustrative as well of the bright as of the shadowy side of councilmanic life, for when the members were not in thoughtful, serious converse over matters of vital interest to their constituents, they indulged in song and story, awaiting the arrival of their tardy colleagues.

President Bloomberg called the body to order at 8:20 o'clock, and the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Allen, Clevins, Crenshaw, Curtis, Glenn, Hargrove, Hicks, Masurier, Lynch, Miner, Peters, Pollock, Spence, Steiner, Teeter, West and Bloomington.

The adoption of the resolution required twenty-four affirmative votes, and Mr. Pollock moved that the sergeant-at-arms be sent for absentees. He laid stress upon the importance of the pending business, and declared that it was necessary in order to meet the city's obligations promptly that it be acted on without delay.

Remained in Session.

Something was said about adjourning.

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WENT FOR ROOSEVELT

Illinois Congressman Devotes Whole Address to President's Strenuosity.

GOOD DEMOCRATIC ISSUE

It Would be Theodore Roosevelt; All Could Unite on This. Man Unsafe.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—For the want of speakers the general debate on the sundry civil appropriation bill in the House to-day was closed several hours before the time agreed upon, and the bill was read for amendment.

Seventy-five pages were disposed of, the only important amendment adopted being one providing for an initial appropriation of \$500,000 for the completion of the Capitol building according to the original design.

Mr. Campbell, of Kansas, and Mr. Williams, of Illinois, were the principal speakers to-day, the former defending the protective tariff policy of the Republican party and the latter denouncing the Republicans for failing to investigate the Postoffice Department. Mr. Williams declared the failure of the Republican party to investigate the Postoffice Department "has made the public scandal of this administration a very important issue in the next campaign." No one, he said, could read the report of the Postoffice Department and the Postoffice Department and the reckless and notorious methods with which they had been allowed to continue without fixing some responsibility on the head of that department. When he said, "we see these serious charges against the Postoffice Department, the General Land Office and the Indian Bureau, with the Republican party on guard at every door, that leads into these chambers of public plunder, refusing admittance to the people's representatives," he was met by a roar of applause.

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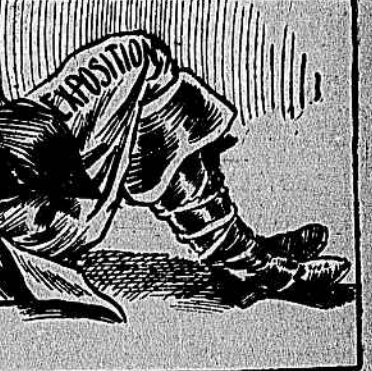
Japanese Forces Centered and Number Hundred Thousand. Russians Massing Near by.

COSSACKS BEAT RETREAT

Japanese Lost Heavily, However, and Few Honors Claimed. New Chwang Incident.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch by P. A. McKenzie.)

SEOUL, Thursday, via Chefoo, Tuesday.—The authorities are daily increasing precautions to prevent communication between Seoul and the north. No messages are leaving the country except by mail. Messengers going north are arrested. Rumors are current pointing to the



POCAHONTAS SAVES THE DAY!

BOTH MASSING TROOPS.

Japanese Have Hundred Thousand Centered—Russians Preparing for Struggle.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 30.—No Japanese report of the land operations in Korea has yet been received here, and there is much speculation as to the size of the opposing armies, regarding which there is no reliable information.

A correspondent at Russian headquarters in Mukden telegraphs that, according to reports received there, about 10,000 Japanese have crossed the river at Ching-Chang, and five thousand have advanced north from Chong Ju.

The Chronicle's Shanghai correspondent asserts that practically the whole Japanese army in Korea, consisting of 100,000 men, is concentrated at Pak Chien and Anju, only small detachments being left in Southern Korea to maintain communications.

A St. Petersburg special says that a Russian division of 3,000 men from Southern Russia is advancing in the columns through Korea. The main column, coming along the east coast road, reached Pak Chien 180 miles from the Tumen River, and the flanking column, consisting of Cossacks and light cavalry, coming along the valley of the Tumen River towards its source, has reached the coast of Lake Taiji. This column reports that the Japanese are advancing north from Gensan, and that their advanced guard has occupied the Chong Ching. It is probable, however, that none of these reports can be accepted as authentic.

HAD HOT ENGAGEMENT.

The Japanese Lost Heavily, But the Russians Had to Retire.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 29.—The Emperor has received a dispatch from General Kuropatkin, giving minutely the report of the fighting at Chong Ching, dated March 28th at 10 P. M., which says that important engagement took place near the town of Chong Ju, in which the Russians were defeated, retiring in perfect order.

The Japanese suffered heavily, but the Russian losses are not stated. Cavalry and infantry on both sides were engaged. The Russians occupied a commanding position. The Japanese fought gallantly, but owing to their heavy losses were unable to occupy the position abandoned by the Russians.

General Kuropatkin's report is as follows: "I have the honor to respectfully communicate to Your Majesty the report of General Kuropatkin, dated March 28th at 10 P. M., which says: "For three consecutive days small parties attempted to draw the Japanese cavalry into action, but their patrol, after contact was established, retired beyond Chong Ju (about fifty miles northwest

DWYER COULD NOT DOWN BENNIE JONES

Newport News Feather-Weight Wrestler Too Wiry for the Professor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 29.—Michael P. Dwyer, of Richmond, the middle weight champion wrestler of the world, failed to throw Bennie Jones, the local feather weight, twice in an hour at the Academy of Music to-night.

Dwyer put the little fellow's shoulders to the mat at the end of thirty-four minutes. In the last twenty-six minutes all of the professor's efforts were in vain.

Dwyer acknowledged to the crowd that he was in bad shape as the result of his bout with Sharkey in Richmond Monday night. Tom Sharkey referred the match.

Railroad Superintendent Killed.

DALLAS, TEXAS, March 29.—A special to the News from Marshall says: Elias W. Campbell, division superintendent of the Texas and Pacific Railroad at this city, was accidentally killed in the railroad yards here to-day, being caught between two moving cars and crushed to death. He has been in the railroad business for many years and was widely known.

DUCK-SHOOTERS WERE DROWNED

Entire Hunting Party on Lake Calumet, Chicago, Perish in an Instant.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, March 29.—Four men were drowned in Lake Calumet by the capsizing of their boats while hunting ducks. The dead: TUNIS SLINGERLAND, ABRAHAM SLINGERLAND, JOHN PIERSON, JOHN BRANDT.

The men were in two rowboats, two men being in each boat. A very high wind was blowing over the lake to-day, and the water was very rough. The men were seen from the shore to rise in their boats and fire at a flock of ducks that passed over them. Just as they fired their boats went over, and all four men were thrown into the water. Joseph Yough, watchman of the Pullman Company, and Edward Eraser, a fisherman, hastened out to save them, if possible, but when they reached the spot where the boats had capsized all of the men had been drowned. The bodies were not recovered.